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Report on Mass Demonstration and Meeting with Power Minister Government of India on 6th November, 2015 at Kochi, Kerala

NCCOEEE is on the path of struggle against Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014 well before it was placed in the Parliament on 19th December, 2014. On 8th December there was a Parliament march followed by discussion with the Minister. It was observed that Government has failed to take into consideration the points raised by NCCOEEE. Hence, this demonstration at Kochi was inevitable. A brief report is here under.

Sky exploding slogans and waves of Banners, Flags and Festoons of all Federation of Electricity Employees, Officers & Engineers vibrated the business city of Kochi on the coast of Arabian sea to protest against the draconian Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014 initiated by the Government of India to curb the right to Electricity of the poor people of India, of whom 30 crores are still in dark without access to Electricity.

Kerala is to host the Power Ministers' Conference at Kochi on 6th & 7th November, 2015. The information conveyed by Kerala leadership of Electricity Employees prompted the National Leadership of NCCOEEE to decide organizing a protest rally at the venue of the conference. All the National Federations of Electricity Employees, Engineers and Officers of Kerala took the major role to make the protest demonstration successful. Besides Kerala, Power sector leadership of Tamil Nadu and adjacent states also took needful preparation for making the demonstration a mammoth one.

All over the state of Kerala placards, banners and festoons highlighting the anti people features of the impugned Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014 were hoisted. The voice of opposing the Bill was brought to the mass for public awareness. The wider ambit of preparation in different places of Kerala at and beyond Kochi, sent appropriate message to the administration. Ministry of Labour Government of India convened a negotiation meeting on 5th November, 2015 in Regional Labour Commissioners Office at Kochi. NCCOEEE Leadership conveyed to them unless senior level officials from Ministry of Power take part in the meeting, none from NCCOEEE will take part. They assured but no policy making authority took part in the meeting. However, they mentioned their endeavour for organizing a meeting with MIC Power on 6th November.

Around 16000 Electricity Employees Officers and Engineers took part in the rally. The participants traversed through Container Road and Marine Drive to reach the venue of the protest demonstration. Com. K O Habeeb presided over the meeting. Com. Manik Dey, Power Minister, Tripura attending the conference took part in the rally and greeted the venture of NCCOEEE in the interest of people of the country. The rally was addressed by

